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The breaking down an old frame of government, and erecting a new, seems like the cutting down an old oak and planting a young one: it is true, the grandson may enjoy the shade and the mast, but the planter, besides the pleasure of imagination, has no other benefit.

As a savage boar,
With forest mast and fatning marshes fed,
When once he fees himself in toils inclos'd,
Whets his tusks.
Wond'ring dolphins o'er the palace glide;
On leaves and mast of mighty oaks they brouze,
And their broad fins entangle in the boughs.
MA'STER. *adj.* [from *maſt*.] Furnished with masts.
MA'STER. *n. f.* [*maſter*, Dutch; *maître*, French; *magiſter*, Latin.]

1. One who has servants; opposed to man or servant.
But now I was the lord
Of this fair manſion, *maſter* of my ſervants,
Queen o'er myſelf; and even now, but now,
This houſe, theſe ſervants, and this fame myſelf
Are yours my lord.
Take up thy *maſter*.
My lord Baſſanio gave his ring away
Unto the judge that begg'd it;
The boy, his clerk, begg'd mine;
And neither man nor *maſter* would take aught
But the two rings.

2. A director; a governor.
If thou be made the *maſter* of a feaſt, be among them as
one of the reſt.
My friend, my genius, come along,
Thou *maſter* of the poet, and the ſong.
3. Owner; proprietor.
An orator, who had undertaken to make a panegyrick on
Alexander the Great, and who had employed the ſtrongeſt
figures of his rhetoric in the praiſe of Bucephalus, would
do quite the contrary to that which was expected from him;
becauſe it would be believed, that he rather took the horſe
for his ſubject than the *maſter*.
4. A lord; a ruler.
Wiſdom and virtue are the proper qualifications in the
maſter of a houſe.
There Cæſar, grac'd with both Minerva's, ſhone,
Cæſar, the world's great *maſter*, and his own.
The pride of royal blood, that checks my foul;
You know, alas! I was not born to kneel,
To ſue for pity, and to own a *maſter*.

5. Chief; head.
Chief *maſter*-gunner am I of this town,
Something I muſt do to procure me grace.
As a wife *maſter*-builder I have laid the foundation, and
another buildeth thereon.
The beſt ſets are the heads got from the very tops of the
root; the next are the runners, which ſpread from the *maſter*
roots.
6. Poſſeſſor.
When I have thus made myſelf *maſter* of a hundred thou-
ſand drachms, I ſhall naturally ſet myſelf on the foot of a
pince, and will demand the grand vizier's daughter in
marriage.
The duke of Savoy may make himſelf *maſter* of the French
dominions on the other ſide of the Rhone.
7. Commander of a trading ſhip.
An unhappy *maſter* is he that is made cunning by many
ſhipwrecks; a miſerable merchant, that is neither rich nor
wiſe, but after ſome bankruptcies.
A ſailor's wife had cheſnuts in her lap;
Her huſband's to Aleppo gone, *maſter* o' th' Tyger.
8. One uncontrouled.
Let ev'ry man be *maſter* of his time
Till ſeven at night.
Great, and increaſing; but by ſea
He is an abſolute *maſter*.
9. A compellation of reſpect.
Maſter doctor, you have brought thoſe drugs.
Stand by, my *maſters*, bring him near the king.
Maſters play here, I will content your pains,
Something that's brief; and bid, good morrow, general.

10. A young gentleman.
If gaming does an aged fire entice,
Then my young *maſter* ſwiftly learns the vice.
Maſter lay with his bedchamber towards the ſouth ſun;
miſ lodged in a garret, expoſed to the north wind.
Where there are little *maſters* and miſes in a houſe, they
are great impediments to the diverſions of the ſervants; the
only remedy is to bribe them, that they may not tell tales.
11. One who teaches; a teacher.
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